

## **REMARKS**

This paper is intended as a full and complete reply to the Office Action dated April 9, 2010.

Claims 25-27 are pending in the application.

Claims 25-27 are currently new in this response.

Claims 1-21 have been cancelled.

Applicant's method is specifically adapted for tracking controlled substances, preventing abuse, and managing prescription information in the aggregate, through use of an independent clearinghouse-type of prescriptive information. Continuously updatable information from both affiliated and non-affiliated parties is thereby accessible, in real time, and in context. An unbiased method is thereby provided which prevents prescriptive drug abuse, medical complications and death, and saves billions of dollars in healthcare costs and related costs to third party providers, insurers and governmental programs.

### **Claims Rejections – 35 USC §103**

Claims 1-24 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cunningham (US 6,859,708) in view of Denny (US 6,687,676).

Further, Claims 23 and 24 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cunningham (US 6,859,780) in view of Denny (US 6,687,676) and further in view of Edelson et al. (US 5,737,539).

Claims 1-24 have been cancelled. New claims 25-27 are added.

For the reasons given above, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection based upon 35 U.S.C. §103 and allowance of Claims 25-27.

### **Conclusion**


In light of the above discussion, Applicant respectfully submits that the application now stands in prima facie condition for allowance and courteously requests that this application be advanced to issue. The Applicant is of the opinion that no

additional fees are required. However, if fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby respectfully authorized to deduct such fees from Deposit Account Number 13-2166.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicant's representative at 713-355-4200, to discuss any matters that may arise, where such discussion may resolve such matters and place this application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully Submitted,

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